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SUMMARY: GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS REBUTS LYSSARIDES
AND COMMUNIST CRITICISMS OF FURTHER CLOFFORD OR WESTERN INITIA-
TIVES; STATES GOC OPENNESS TO ANY THIRD PARTY INITIATIVES WITHIN
FRAMEWORK OF UN RESOLUTIONS; ANNOUNCES GOC TO TAKE CYPRUS ISSUE
TO UNGA. FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES ALSO STATES GOC ACCEPTANCE OF THIRD
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PARTY INITIATIVES AND CRITICIZES TURKISH NEGATIVE ATTITUDE. GOC
SEEN TO BE FOLLOWING NEW POLICY UTILIZING A FOUR TRACK APPROACH.
END SUMMARY.

1. GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS, APPARENTLY RESPOND-
ING TO A RECENT SPLURGE OF AKEL AND LYSSARIDES-SPONSORED EDITOR-
IALS IN THE LEFT WING PRESS AND PUBLIC SPEECHES CRITICAL OF A

FURTHER CLIFFORD MISSION, SAID JULY 16 IN A SPEECH IN PARALIMENT

THAT THE GOC "ACCEPTS ANY INITIATIVE FROM ANY QUARTER, WHETHER FROM THE WEST OR THE EAST, AIMED AT STRENGTHENING AND NOT SUBSTITUTING THE ROLE AND WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND AT FURTHERING A SOLUTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UN RESOLUTIONS." PAPADOPOULOS STATED THE GOC HAD RECEIVED "NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION" ON WHETHER OR WHEN THE CLIFFORD MISSION WOULD BE RESUMED NOR DID IT HAVE "RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY PLAND FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM."

2. PAPADOPOULOS CAUTIONED THAT "THE ACCEPTANCE OF INITIATIVES BY THIRD PARTIES IS ONE THING, AND THE ASSESSMENT OF THEIR EFFECTIVENESS ANOTHER." HE ADDED THAT THE (GOC) "ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CLIFFORD MISSION IS ONE OF WAIT AND SEE" AND NOTED THAT THE CRITICAL QUESTION IS WHETHER THE WEST IS WILLING TO PRESSURE TURKEY TO THE POINT OF AFFECTING ITS RELATIONS WITH AND INTERESTS IN TURKEY" IN ORDER TO HELP SMALL AND INSIGNIFICANT CYPRUS."

3. PAPADOPOULOS ALSO RESPONDED TO A RECENT STATEMENT BY TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH THAT RECOURSE TO THE UNGA WAS "INCOMPATIBLE" WITH INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. PAPADOPOULOS SAID THAT WHILE RECOURSE TO THE UN WAS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR TALKS THE GOC AND NATIONAL COUNCIL HAS ALSO DECIDED TO GO TO THE UNGA. HOWEVER, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CYPRUS DELEGATION WOULD MEET GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN ATTEMPTING TO "SECURE CONFIDENTIAL

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A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD NOT BE A SIMPLE RE-AFFIRMATION OF PAST RESOLUTIONS BUT WOULD PROMOTE THE CAUSE A STEP FURTHER TOWARDS SETTLEMENT."

4. ON JULY 16 FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES ALSO INDICATED THE GOVERNMENT'S OPENNESS TO FURTHER OUTSIDE MEDIATION EFFORTS. SPEAKING TO A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SOLIDARITY WITH CYPRUS, CHRISTOPHIDES SAID " WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ANY INITIATIVE OR PROPOSALS BY THIRD PARTIES WHICH WOULD HELP IN THE EFFORTS FOR A JUST SETTLEMENT, BUT WE HAVE EQUALLY STRESSED THAT ANY SUCH INITIATIVE OR PROPOSAL MUST DEVELOP WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN AND ASSIST THE TASK OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL." CHRISTOPHIDES SAID THAT TURKEY'S "NEGATIVE ATTITUDE HAS BEEN BLOCKING THE WAY TO ANY PROGRESS IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS." HE STATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD ALLOW HIM TO SPEAK OF PROGRESS OR WHICH "WOULD EVEN JUSTIFY THE EXPRESSION OF GUARDED OPTIMISM FOR AN EARLY SOLUTION."

5. COMMENT: PAPADOPOULOS' AND CHRISTOPHIDES' STATEMENTS ALMOST CONSTITUTE PUBLIC CONFIRMATION OF A NEWTWIST IN GOC

POLICY ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WHICH INVOLVES INCREASED DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN SEVERAL CHANNELS. IT SEEMS INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AND HIS ADVISORS PLAN TO MOVE SIMULTANEOUSLY ALONG FOUR SEPARATE TRACKS: THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UNSYG AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE DE CUELLAR; AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT EMBODIED IN A FUTURE MISSION BY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE CLIFFORD; AN INTENSIFIED EFFORT IN THE UNGA TO PUT INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON TURKEY; AND A POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE MODELED ON SOVIET SUGGESTIONS BUT INITIATED BY THE GOC. THE MAIN GOC POLICY POINT IS THAT TURKEY MUST NOW PRODUCE SOME MEANINGFUL REPLY ON TERRITORY IN RESPONSE TO THE GOC VIENNA MAP AND THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF TURKISH FLEXIBILITY ALL FORMS OF PRESSURE ARE LEGITIMATE.

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6. A SECONDARY IMPLICATION OF THE TWO SPEECHES IS THAT THEY CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC DISAVOWAL BY THE GOC OF THE HARSH LYSSARIDES AND COMMUNIST CRITICISMS OF A FURTHER U.S. OR WESTERN INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS.
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